

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Simms called the meeting to order at 7:11p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant (Late Arrival), Councilmember Barbara Kennedy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Mable Charlina Watson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Jeannelle Wallace, Acting City Administrator

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Porter

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Public Session agenda with one addition for Unfinished Business. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Watson to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Watson to approve the Closed Session Minutes meeting

minutes for Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Watson to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Monday, July 11, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Watson to approve the Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, July 11, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Watson to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Thursday, July 14, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Watson to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Thursday, July 14, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Tuesday, July 19, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Watson and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Monday, August 1, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Monday, August 1, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Stephenson and seconded by Councilmember Watson to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Friday, August 19, 2016. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Seat Pleasant Board of Election Supervisors

- Ms. Pamela Boone, Chair of Board of Supervisors of Election reported the results of the election from Monday, September 12, 2016.
- Ms. Boone stated that the ballot questions were approved for the Mayor and Council salary increase.
- Ms. Boone stated that the city had very low voter turnout and the results for the election are as follow: Ward I, Lamar Maxwell, Ward II, Aretha Stephenson, Ward III, Reveral Yeargin, Ward IV, Charl Jones, Ward V, Gloria Sistrunk

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. None

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Council President Report

- Council President Simms stated that the report for the month of July and August is on the information stand.

4.2. City Administrator Report:

- Mrs. Wallace, Acting City Administrator
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the month of September the Administration focused on the derelict properties, vacant properties, and the property tax liens.
- Mrs. Wallace submitted a letter to the State of Maryland for \$19,000 from the city abating properties owned by the County, and the School Board for \$4,000.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINSS

5.1. Tree Removal Purchase Requisition

- Mrs. Wallace informed the City Council that the purchase requisition for the Tree Removal work has not been performed.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy to approve the removal of the trees. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

5.2. Recycle Bins

- Council President Simms stated that the money to purchase the recycle bins has been allocated in the FY2017 Budget.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Watson and seconded by Councilmember Stephenson to purchase the recycle bins for the residents not to exceed \$70,000. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. None

7 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Carla Hart-Ms. Hart stated that there are properties with debris and televisions in front of them. The Code Enforcement Officer will inform the residents of the caller. The properties have been in the same condition for one year. It was suggested that she meet with the Acting City Administrator.
- Garry Jones-Mr. Jones stated that he wanted to say thank you for the roads being re-paved.
- Aretha Garland-Ms. Garland stated that it was issues with the machine when she had come to vote. She stated that the machine didn't light up the first time, but she could vote.
- Gloria Sistrunk-Ms. Sistrunk stated that in July it was mentioned of the vacant property list. She would like to know if she can receive a list of the vacant properties. Ms. Sistrunk thanked the City Council for approving the Recycle Bins. She wanted to know when will the residents receive their trash cans? Council President Simms stated that it will be worked on when take office.
- Bernita Bishop-Ms. Bishop stated she attended classes given by Mayor Grant on diabetes. The residents were promised a certificate and \$25.00 gift cards. The classes were given two (2) years ago. It was suggested that Ms. Bishop submit a letter to Mayor requesting an update.

- Linda Buckmon-Ms. Buckmon stated that she feels that reside in the apartments are excluded because they aren't home owners. She wanted to know when the apartment buildings facing MLK had become a part of another ward three. She stated they only see Councilmember Stephenson during election time. She stated they were made promises that wasn't kept by Councilmember Stephenson. They requested a light on MLK and it hasn't been done.
- Mary Doup-Ms. Doup inquired if Councilmember Stephenson approaching her at the door of the polling place to vote for her was a violation? She wanted to know if the votes needed to be recounted. Councilmember Simms requested that she stay after the meeting to meet with the Board of Supervisors of Election.
- Ms. Hollis- Ms. Hollis stated that she must beg for services for her father from the City. They had received a warning of a \$400 violation if their trash in a trash receptacles. She stated that the No Parking sign in front of her is blocked by the trees. The tree has overgrown into their yard, but is on the street. The wires from either Pepco or Verizon are caught in the tree.
- Pastor Stephen Joyce-Pastor Joyce stated that his church is interested in leasing Gaskin property for his church. The City Council requested that Pastor Joyce submit a proposal in writing to the City.
- Shireka McCarthy-Ms. McCarthy stated that she has concerns regarding the sidewalk on Foote St. She stated that it needs to be repaired. She inquired about the City having an ethics committee.

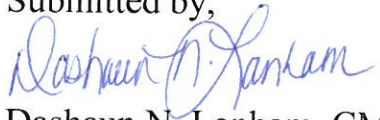
8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Seat Pleasant FREE Community Shred Day, Saturday, Saturday 17, 2016 from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m., Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD**
- 8.2. Seat Pleasant Annual Community Flea Market, Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD**
- 8.3. Regular Work Session, Monday, October 3, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.4. Public Session, Monday, October 10, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

9. ADJOURN-

The meeting adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED 10/10/16